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Spring into Action, LEGO® BrickMaster!

Welcome to the new issue of LEGO Magazine BrickMaster Edition! We're all about action this March, from a galaxy far, far away to a land of noble knights and evil villains. And you're a part of it all – because you're a BrickMaster!

In this issue, you'll find two exciting comics, a sneak peek at upcoming sets, an exclusive contest, special BIONICLE® building steps, and much more. Plus there's a sneak preview of the upcoming LEGO Star Wars™ video game, a BIONICLE board game, and other LEGO fun!

As you read through this issue, look for this special "BrickMaster" symbol:



Whenever you see it, you'll know that page has been created for LEGO BrickMasters only!

Here's some of the exclusive BrickMaster entertainment waiting for you inside:

Explore Antartica with evil Ogel (p. 8)! Get tips from the Master Builders on how to create your own LEGO mural (p.31)! Learn the answers to top BIONICLE questions (p. 12), then try to win great prizes by building your own Knights' Kingdom Creature of the Moorlands! And don't forget to take a trip to the past to see the classic LEGO Action Heroes (p. 13)!

So let's get the action started! Check out the LEGO Lab Sneak Peek on the next page and you're on your way to LEGO March mania!







Inside the LEGO® Lab!

We sneaked past the Kahgarak sentries and worked our way through the webbing to bring you these advance looks at two of the BIONICLE Visorak models. Now if we can just get out again without attracting their attention ...

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8742 VOHTARAK

AGGRESSIVE AND FIERCE, VOHTARAK ARE KNOWN FOR MAKING BERSERKER CHARGES AT THEIR FOES, DURING WHICH THEIR OUTER SHELL BECOMES ALMOST COMPLETELY INVULNERABLE! THEIR SPINNERS CAN PARALYZE OR PRODUCE A BURNING SENSATION IN A FOE, SO PAINFUL THE TARGET CANNOT EVEN THINK STRAIGHT!

8744 OOHNORAK

THE MOST DEVIOUS OF THE VISORAK, OOHNORAK CAN USE ITS LIMITED TELEPATHY AND ABILITY TO MIMIC TO LURE A FOE INTO A TRAP BY IMITATING THE VOICE OF A TRUSTED FRIEND. ITS RHOTUKA SPINNER PARALYZES OR NUMBS AN ENEMY, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO FLEE. EXTREMELY STRONG, OOHNORAK ARE OFTEN USED AS LIVING BATTERING RAMS BY THE HORDES.



Look for more exciting BIONICLE news on www.BIONICLE.com!

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STAR WARS
MISSION OF THE JEDI™
High above Coruscant, capital planet of the Republic...
Alert! Alert! Enemy starfighters approaching!
Be cautious, Anakin. This attack may be a trap.
These Separatists grow more daring every day, Master Obi-Wan. Let's show them what it means to challenge the Republic... and the Jedi!
BOOM!
BOOM!
I'm tired of caution! Trap or not, I'll destroy these droid ships!
Anakin, wait!
As Anakin Skywalker recklessly rockets into battle, a droid tri-fighter launches its deadly cargo!
What was that?
CLANK!
BOOM!
BUZZZZZZZ
Whoops – it's a buzz droid!


BOOM!
Hold tight, Anakin! I'll be right there!
It's all right, Master. After all, the Force...
Anakin uses the Force to rebuild a nearby Vulture Droid.
BOOM!
...is very handy in a pinch.
That's better!
Obi-Wan watches Anakin's hot-shot flying with concern.
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
His strength in the Force is indeed great... so why does that worry me so?


That's the last of them.
So much for your fears of a trap. That was easy!
BOOM!
Chancellor Palpatine sends his congratulations on your victory over the enemies of the Republic. He is especially grateful to Anakin Skywalker.
Now we have a new mission for you.
"The planet Kashyyyk is under attack by Separatist forces. Mace Windu has been assigned to protect it. You're being sent to help him fight off the invaders."
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
We're on our way. Those droids won't know what hit them!
Good luck, Jedi Knights. You'll need it.
Excellent. All is as I have planned...
What danger awaits Anakin and Obi-Wan at Kashyyyk? Watch Cartoon Network at 7PM Sunday, May 8th and find out!
TO BE CONTINUED!



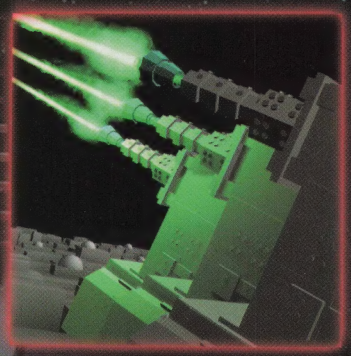
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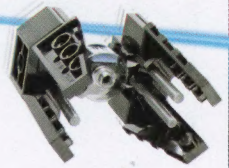
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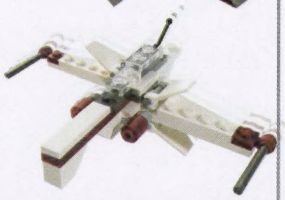
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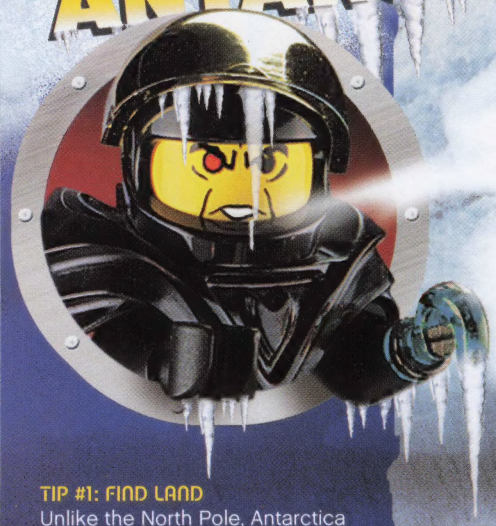
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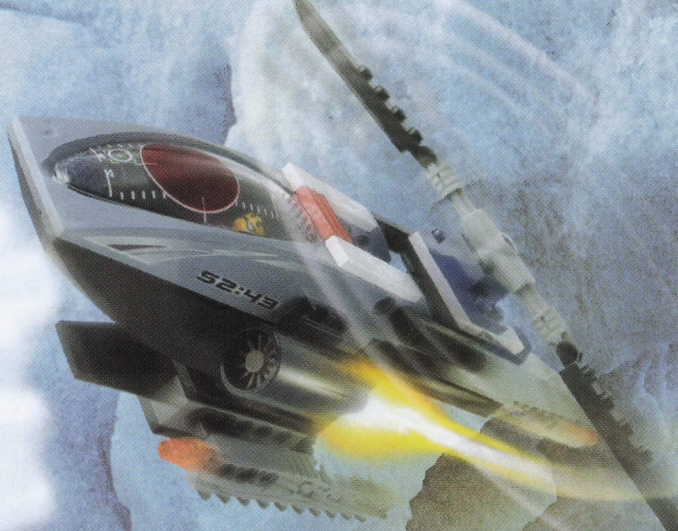
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OGEL'S ANTARCTIC TOUR



So you want to set up your evil secret headquarters at the South Pole? Well, too bad! I was here first.

Oh, all right. I'll give you a few tips and show you around ... maybe you'd even like an up close look at an ice orb?



TIP #1: FIND LAND

Unlike the North Pole, Antarctica actually has solid land beneath its frozen ice and snow. It's pretty hard to survive on the continent itself, though, so you'll find most wildlife living on the islands and icebergs nearby. If you're planning to go bird-watching near your base, you'll want to build it near the shore or on a local island.

TIP #2: BRING WATER

As the coldest, driest and windiest continent on the planet, Antarctic gets less than 10 inches (25 centimeters) of rainfall per year. That officially makes it a desert! In some parts of the continent, it hasn't rained or snowed in over 100 years. My drones drink a lot of water – I stick to warm squid milk.

TIP #3: DRESS WARMLY

Antarctica is surrounded by the world's stormiest seas. High winds, freezing cold and sudden blizzards are all part of the daily routine. In the winter, the temperature can drop as low as -40° Fahrenheit (also -40° Celsius). Of course, once you're frozen solidyou won't mind the cold.

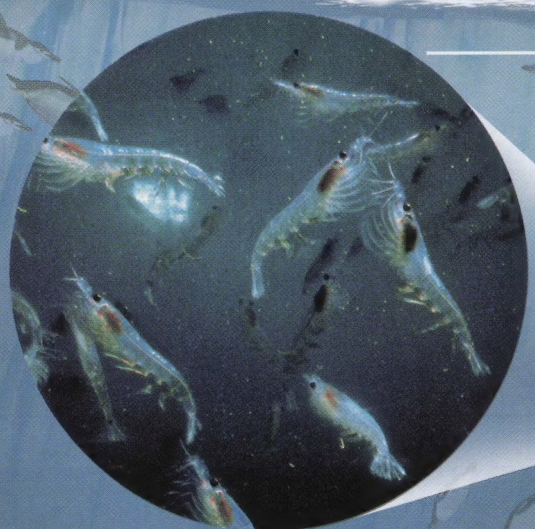
TIP #4: DON'T FORGET YOUR ALARM CLOCK

You know how you get more daylight in the summer and less in the winter? Antarctica takes that to extremes. Thanks to the tilt of the Earth's axis toward the sun, the frozen continent has six months of daylight and six months of darkness – 24 hours a day! No wonder my skeleton drones have so much trouble waking up in the morning...

PENGUINS

Several species of penguins live on and around Antarctica, including the Adelie, Gentoo, Chinstrap and the spectacular Emperor Penguin. These flightless birds are clumsy on land, but surprisingly graceful in the water. They're just too cute to dislike, but I won't stop trying.





KRILL

These tiny shrimp-like creatures may be the most important animals in Antarctica. They're eaten by penguins, seals and fish, which in turn are eaten by larger (or hungrier) animals. If it weren't for the itsy-bitsy krill, hardly anything could survive the climate here. I'll have to keep that in mind for some future fiendish plan!



POLAR BEARS

There are no polar bears in Antarctica. These ferocious beasts live all the way at the other end of the world near the North Pole. There go my plans to parachute polar bears into Alpha Team HQ!

ELEPHANT SEALS

The largest of all seals, elephant seals are named for the size and very impressive snouts of the adult males. They're short-tempered, aggressive and faster than they look, which makes them perfect guards for my secret base! Too bad about the smell...

ORCA

I remember this "killer whale" all too well from my deep sea experiments. These dolphin relatives may look friendly at your local aquarium, but they're smart and dangerous in the wild. They work in groups to hunt seals, penguins and anything else too slow to escape – even bigger whales! They're my kind of mammals!

That's it! That's all you're getting. No, you can't use my time freeze ray ... put that down ... no, you can't borrow any of my sweaters ... go, I have evil plans to hatch! Oh, all right, you can have some squid milk before you go ... no, I don't have any ice.

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METRU NUI

The Toa's only chance to save the Matoran of Metru Nui and defeat the Visorak is to find Keetongu, a Rahi beast long thought to be a myth. But the Visorak will do anything to stop their quest. Challenge a friend to see who can find Keetongu first!

For 2-4 players

How to Play

1) You will need playing pieces (Kanohi masks, Kanoka disks, coins, anything you might have around) and a six-sided die like you find in most board games.

2) Roll to see who goes first. Take turns rolling and moving across the board, following any instructions on the spaces.

3) First one to reach Keetongu wins!



START

Find a clue to Keetongu!

ADVANCE TO THE GREAT TEMPLE.

THE ARCHIVES

You save Rahi flyers!

ADVANCE TO THE ARCHIVES.



Lost in the sub-levels.

GO BACK 1 SPACE.



Building airships.

LOSE 1 TURN.

Climb a mountain of ice!

ROLL AGAIN.

Tricked by Visorak Oohnorak!

GO BACK 2 SPACES.



KEETONGU'S CAVERN


Get a ride on a Gukko bird.
ROLL AGAIN.
Trapped in a Visorak web!
LOSE 1 TURN.
Take a ride through an undersea chute.
ADVANCE 2 SPACES.
Trouble with translation.
GO BACK TO GREAT TEMPLE.
Moto-Hub.
ADVANCE 1 SPACE.
Visorak patrol!
STOP HERE UNTIL NEXT TURN.
THE GREAT TEMPLE
Getting closer to Keetongu!
ADVANCE TO THE KNOWLEDGE TOWER.
Discover Roodaka's dark plan!
ROLL AGAIN.
Captured by Visorak!
ADVANCE TO COLISEUM AND LOSE 1 TURN.
Web bridge snaps.
GO BACK 1 SPACE.
THE COLISEUM
KNOWLEDGE TOWER
8755
KEETONGU
BIONICLE Quest for Keetongu Game



BIONICLE® 2005 Top 5!

Ready for the next chapter in the BIONICLE chronicles? We've put together the top 5 questions asked by our BIONICLE fans around the world to create this quiz. After you're done, turn the page upside down and check out the answers to see if you're a BIONICLE expert!

1. The 2005 BIONICLE storyline takes place:

a) Before the events of BIONICLE 2: Legends of Metru Nui
b) During the events of BIONICLE 2: Legends of Metru Nui
c) After the events of BIONICLE 2: Legends of Metru Nui
d) In 1978

2. The Toa Hordika were mutated by:

a) Energized protodermis
b) The Great Disks
c) Visorak venom
d) Kraata

3. Toa Hordika are half Toa, half _____

a) Rahi
b) Dark Hunter
c) Visorak
d) Non-fat milk

4. Toa Lhikan became a Turaga because he:

a) Fulfilled his destiny as a Toa
b) Sacrificed his Toa power
c) Both A and B
d) None of the above

5. The Rahaga are:

a) Friends of the Toa, who are trying to save Rahi
b) Enemies of the Toa who hunt Rahi for sport
c) Rahi beasts who are neither friends nor enemies of the Toa
d) Baby Rahkshi

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ANSWERS

1. B. The 2005 storyline is based on the Great Rescue, when the Toa return to Metru Nui to save the sleeping Matoran. It takes place before the scene at the end of BIONICLE 2: Legends of Metru Nui when the Toa Metru become Turaga.
2. C.
3. A.
4. C. To become a Turaga, a Toa must fulfill his or her destiny and then willingly sacrifice his/her Toa power.
5. A. The Rahaga are allies of the Toa and saved them from the Visorak horde.

ALPHA TEAM PRESENTS

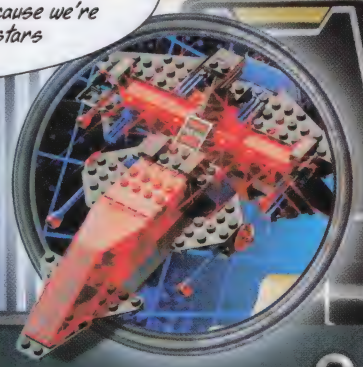
LEGO® LEGEND: ACTION HEROES!

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Everyone knows about the Toa and the Knights of Morcia, but do you remember these guys?

Alpha Team may be today's top action heroes, but we super-cool secret agents are just the latest in a long and proud LEGO tradition. Get ready to turn back the clock, because we're showcasing the LEGO action stars of yesteryear!





6781 SP-Striker

LEGO Space provided plenty of sci-fi adventures, from the sleek and sinister spaceships of Blacktron to the bugged-out Insectoids. Good thing the Space Police and their electronic SP-Striker were around to protect the galaxy!



6286 Skull's Eye Schooner

Whether you rooted for the rough and rowdy buccaneers or the royal officers of the Armada, LEGO Pirate sets like the Skull's Eye Schooner were loaded with high seas action!



6712 Sheriff's Showdown

Git along, you low-down varmint! The classic LEGO Western series offered a whole corral full of rootin' tootin' Old West action, with cowboys and outlaws a-plenty. Yeehaw!



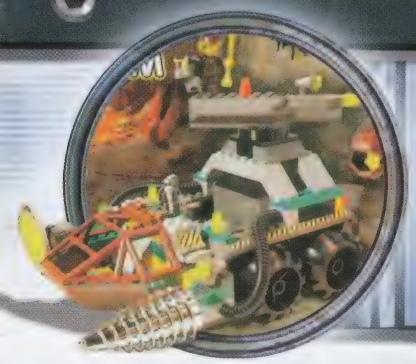
5958 Mummy's Tomb

Here's where the legend of Johnny Thunder began! From Egypt to the Amazon, from Dino Island to the Orient Expedition, the LEGO Adventurers always found a way to outwit Lord Sinister and his henchmen!



4805 Ninja Knights

Their names may be lost to history, but these Ninja (and samurai!) Knights were definitely warriors to be reckoned with.



4970 Chrome Crusher

With the help of hi-tech equipment and low-tech muscle, Rock Raiders had to dig up rare power crystals while dodging hungry Rock Monsters.

TAKE A TOUR OF LEGO® STAR WARS™: THE VIDEO GAME

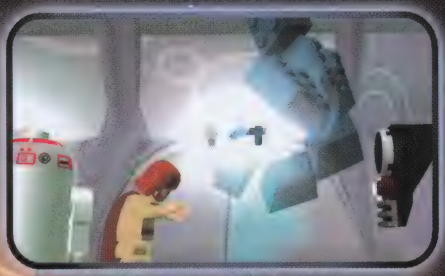


1. The game starts as Obi-Wan and Qui-Gon arrive on the Trade Federation Battleship.





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3. Use the power of the Force to rebuild objects and solve puzzles!



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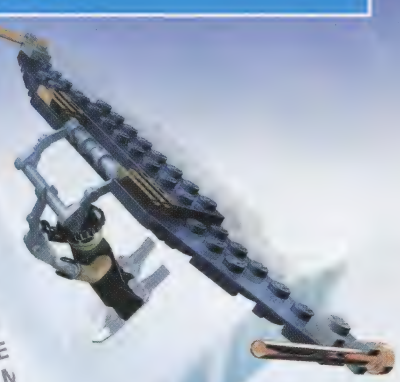
ALPHA ALERT! Evil Ogel has sent his SCORPION ORB LAUNCHER to freeze Alpha Team's top-secret codes! Your mission is to help AGENT ZED, piloting the BLIZZARD BLASTER, to discover the hidden code words before Ogel can activate his freezing ice orbs. Good luck, Agent!

Can you find all of these words hidden in Ogel's ice block?
Hint: search both sideways and up and down!

AGENT
ALPHA MODE
ALPHA TEAM
BLIZZARD BLASTER
CHANGE
~~COLD~~
DASH
FREEZE
GLACIER
HEROES
ICEBERG
ICE DRONE
ICE ORB
ICE SHARK
OGEL
RESCUE
SCORPION ORB LAUNCHER
SNOW
THERMO CANNON
VIPER ESCAPE
WIND
ZED

X A H E B W A M X R I Y J B Z P U G L C
P N O A L P H A T E A M X R V J E K G A
C O T D I C E B E R G V Q H Q Y O U L V
F R E E Z E L J V P T I F I B G P D A I
O W C P Z E D B W X H E R O E S B A C F
F N Z G A W K H I A E Z O D T Q I S I E
A S C O R P I O N O R B L A U N C H E F
C L P N D G M B D E M B E L C C E T R E
H Z K I B D W G U C O L D P S V O R M S
A O G E L N A M T F C V L H K H R L S C
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T Z I C E D R O N E O T I D S P A V J N
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Cool Creations

LEGO Magazine marches into spring with some of the most awesome models ever presented in these pages! LEGO builders around the US really gave their all to create these – do you think you can top them? Give it a try and your creation might appear in a future issue of LEGO Magazine! Send your photos to:

Cool Creations
LEGO Club
P.O. Box 1308
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Remember to include your name, age, address and the name of your model. No Polaroids please! Pictures will not be returned, so take an extra photo for yourself!

Check out more completely creative LEGO models online at www.LEGOclub.com!

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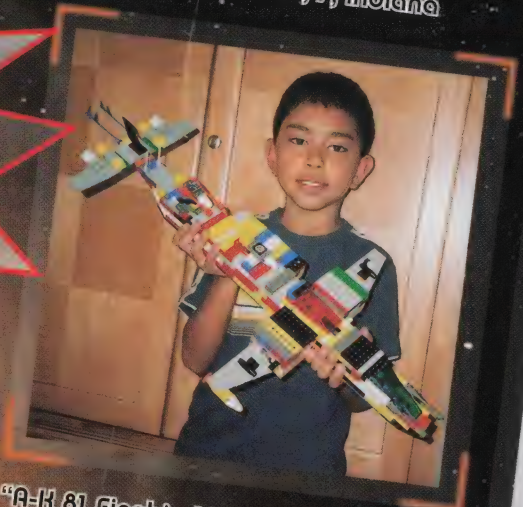
"V10 Truck"
Philip Sun, 7, New York



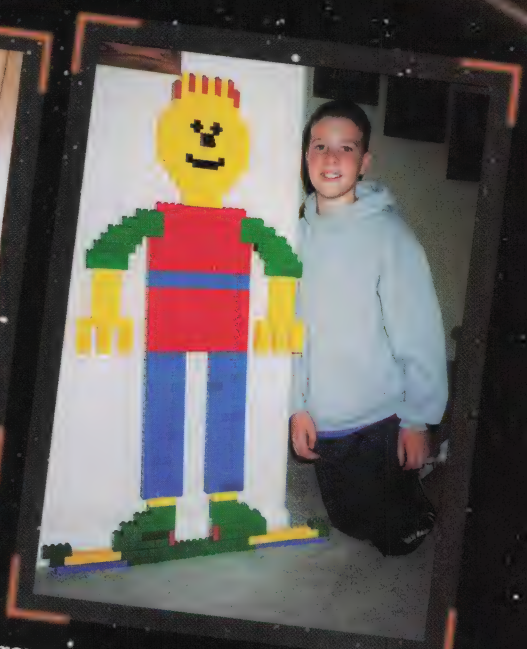
"Castle"
Cole Pfeiffer, 7, Indiana

LEGO BrickMaster Digital Designer Contest Winners!

Baxter Eldridge, age 10
Jonathan Mullis, age 16
Seth Wegener, age 10



"A-K 81 Firebird"
Kevin Cruz, 8, Nevada



"Mel"
Matthew Lockett, 12, California

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"Terror of Port Royal"
Lane Stonehocker, 10, Montana



"Aircraft Carrier"
Abigail Pancake, 9, and Jayson Pancake, 5, Indiana



"Pirate Ship"
Cole Glenwright, 9, California



"Fantasy Horse"
Emily Whitcomb, 13, Colorado



"Battle of Bunker Hill"
Christopher Bansbach, 10, Illinois



"Motorcycle Limo"
Andrew Lyons, 10, North Carolina

BETTER BUILDING MORE FUN

LEGO Knights' Kingdom

Monster Maker Building Challenge!

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Deep within the dry desert canyons and shadow-filled forests of the Desolate Moorlands lurk wild beasts and fierce monsters. From blue goblin-monkeys to the giant serpent that guards the Citadel of Orlan, they come in all shapes and sizes, each more peculiar than the last.

Now's your chance to build your own Moorlands creature! It can be large or small, ferocious or friendly. Tell us your creature's name and write a sentence or two to describe it. Where does it live? What does it eat? Does it want to help or harm the Knights of Morcia?

Our Five Favorite Brickmaster Beast-Builders will each win an early set of 2005 Knights' Kingdom action figures and a library of new LEGO Knights' Kingdom books from Scholastic!

To Enter:

1. Build a Moorlands creature model using pieces from your LEGO® collection.
2. Take a color photo of your model. (Color photos and a high-quality computer print-outs accepted only. No Polaroids, please.)
3. Write an essay of 50 words or less describing all the cool things you would like us to know about your creature. (Please print or type.) Be sure to include your name, age, complete mailing address, and day-time phone at the top of your essay.
4. Mail your essay with all the required information and your model photo to:

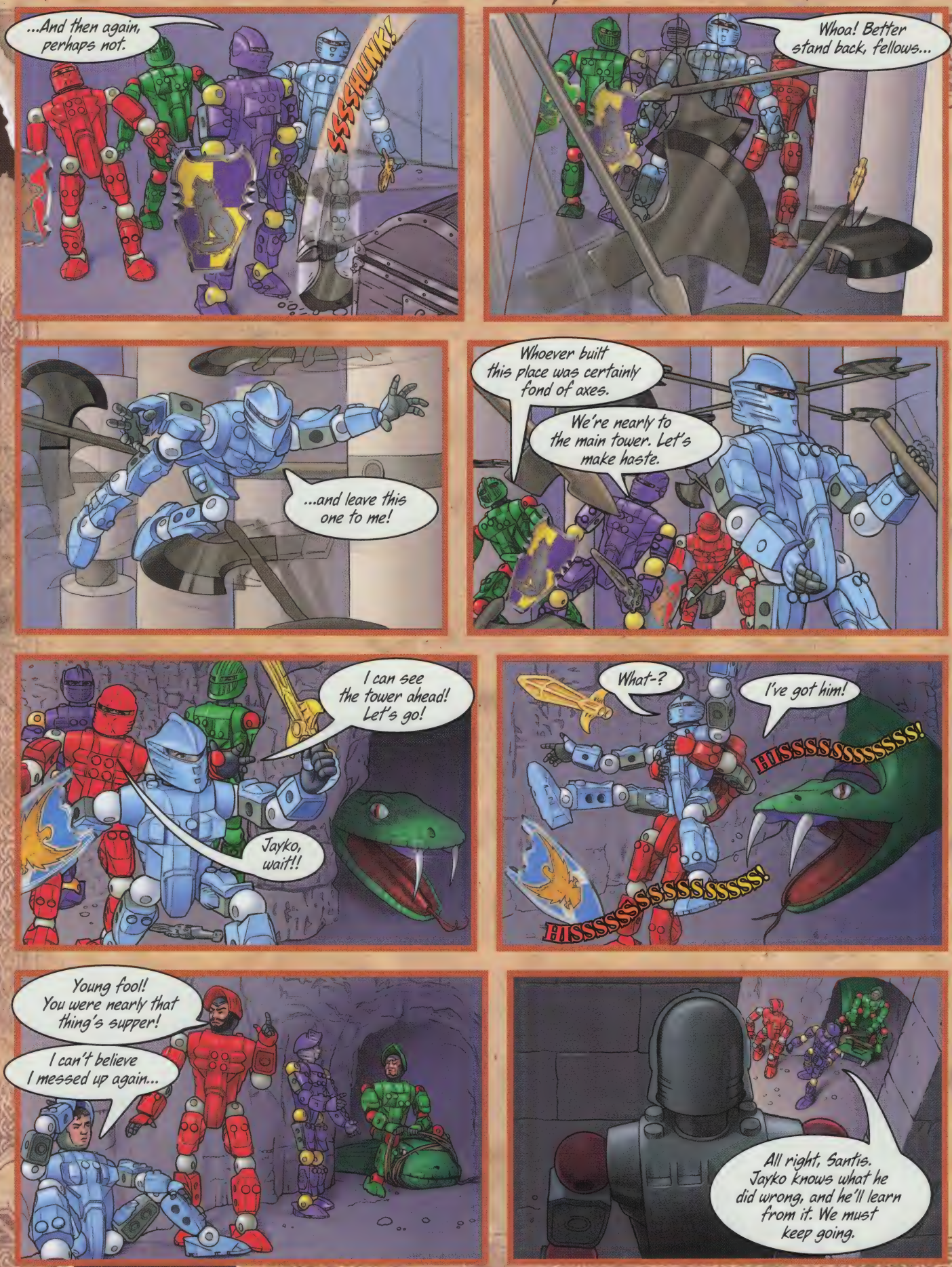
LEGO Knights' Kingdom Monster Maker
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All entries must be received by midnight EST May 1st, 2005!

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. One (1) entry per person. Contest is open to LEGO BrickMaster subscribers only. All entries must be received by midnight EST May 1st, 2005. Offer void where prohibited or restricted by law. Models must be constructed using only pieces from your LEGO® collection. Employees of LEGO Systems, Inc "Sponsor") and its affiliates and subsidiaries, advertising/promotions agencies and their immediate families are not eligible to participate. Entries will be judged based on originality (50%), creativity (25%), and essay (25%). Five (5) winners will be selected from all eligible entries. Estimated total retail value of each prize: $74.00; Sponsor reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value. The LEGO Company and its affiliates and subsidiaries are not responsible for late, lost, misdirected, mutilated or damaged entries. All entries become the property of Sponsor and will not be returned. By participating in this contest, entrants agree to be bound by the official rules and decisions of the judges.


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KNIGHTS' KINGDOM
At long last, the Knights have reached the Citadel of Orlan.
Within its ancient halls lies the Heart of the Magical Shield of Ages, the object of their quest.
Well, now what? Those chains are too slippery for Rascus to climb, and not even Santis could lift that boulder.
Maybe not. But I can still—
KRAAASH!
--SMASH it!
The rocks pull the chains, and the chains raise the drawbridge. An excellent strategy, Santis!
Uh, yeah. That was my plan all along.
The Knights have conquered the first of the Citadel's challenges. But more surprises await...
A chest! Perhaps the Heart lies within?
Hm. Perhaps...
CLICK!


...And then again, perhaps not.
SSSSHUNK!
Whoa! Better stand back, fellows...
...and leave this one to me!
Whoever built this place was certainly fond of axes.
We're nearly to the main tower. Let's make haste.
I can see the tower ahead! Let's go!
Jayko, wait!!
What-?
I've got him!
HISSSSSSSSSSS!
HISSSSSSSSSSSSS!
Young fool! You were nearly that thing's supper!
I can't believe I messed up again...
All right, Santis. Jayko knows what he did wrong, and he'll learn from it. We must keep going.


No door! How are we supposed to get inside?
The answer, my friend, lies above your head!
Lord Vladek knew that you traitors would be here. Surrender!
One Shadow Knight after everything we've faced? You've got to be kidding me.
Aha!
CREEAAK!
This is it! We've passed all the Challenges – the Heart of the Shield is ours!
Not quite!
At the top of the tower, Rascus discovers a secret lever which opens a hidden door!
You have come far, Knights of Morcia. But one more test awaits you.
So it's a fight? I'll–
Hold Jayko, This is no time for more mistakes.
Noble Guardian, the Heart of the Magical Shield of Ages is needed to defeat a great evil. May we take it from this place to save our kingdom and restore our king?
You have passed the final test, wise Knight of the Code. The Heart of the Shield is yours!
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BEHIND THE BRICKS: LEGOLAND CALIFORNIA

It was March of 1999, and Southern California was abuzz. Something special was coming. Something big. Something new. Something... made of bricks.

Thirty million bricks, in fact. That's how many LEGO pieces were used to create LEGOLAND California's more than 1,000 spectacular LEGO models over the course of three years!

Did you know LEGOLAND California was actually the third park built? The first was opened in Billund, Denmark, in 1968, and the second in Windsor, England in 1996. Today there are a total of four parks, with the newest one in Gunzberg, Germany!



LEGOLAND California originally featured six main sections: Miniland, DUPLO Village, Fun Town, Castle Hill, the Imagination Zone, and In The Beginning. A tropical lagoon was even created in the middle of the park. But LEGOLAND's designers weren't ready to stop there.

In 1999, AQUAZONE Wave Racers was launched on the scene, followed in 2000 by the Spellbreaker ride. 2001 saw the debut of the LEGO TECHNIC Coaster, and 2002 brought the high-octane thrills of RACERS 4-D. In 2003, the Sports Center kicked things off, while the Toa led the way to adventure aboard the BIONICLE Blaster ride. In honor of LEGOLAND's fifth birthday in 2004, five all-new attractions were added: Block of Fame, Dig Those Dinos and Coastersaurus (part of the all-new Dino Island!), Fun Town Fire Academy and Miniland Florida.

So what's up next for LEGOLAND California? Can you say Knights' Kingdom? And how about Miniland's latest micro-sized modern marvel, NEW New York?

Pack your bags - we'll see you there!







BrickMaster building tips

BIONICLE Based Creature Creations!

So you want to build a big bad BIONICLE monster like the unstoppable Protocairn? Or are the peaceful beasts of Metru Nui more your type? Whatever your style, try out a few tips from our model shop's master monster makers!

Locust



BrickMaster building tips

Study the real world.

Are you making an insect, a mammal, a bird, a fish? Look at the shapes of living animals and see how their bodies move and bend. There's no better guide to creature-making than nature itself!

Lohrak



BrickMaster building tips

Use unusual parts in unusual ways.

BIONICLE elements curve in ways that make them great for creating organic-looking shapes. Our model builder thought that a Matoran torso piece from 8622 Nidhiki might make a good head for the ravenous Lohrak, with silver tools for teeth... and he was right! Say, wouldn't that Toa Hordika chest-plate make a great hood for a cobra...?

Fire Frog

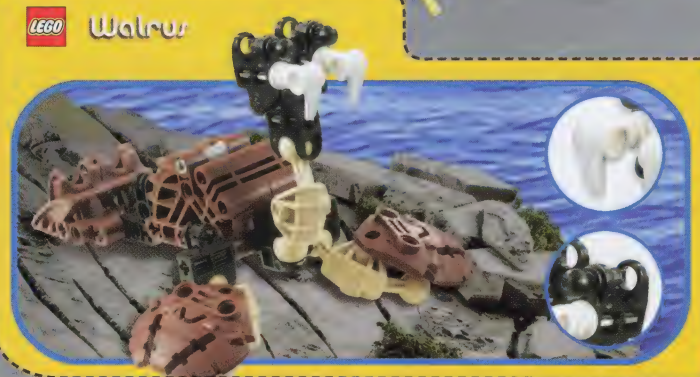


BrickMaster building tips

Coordinate your colors.

Like the Toa, BIONICLE creatures are often colored to fit their environment. Have a lot of blue and silver parts? Build a beast from the protodermis sea! Brown, tan and black pieces make for great desert creatures. Or, use red, yellow and orange to make a volcanic creature like this fire frog!

Walrus



BrickMaster building tips

Not everything in Metru Nui is a monster.

The Archives are full of creatures that would rather eat and sleep than fight Toa all day long. They don't have to be cute and cuddly (though that's fine too), but try making a beast that's not all fangs, claws and nasty attitude. Then make a whole herd of them!

Want even more inspiration?

You can find building instructions for BIONICLE-based creatures available in the BUILDITS section at **www.LEGO.com/Club**!

Next issue: Tips for building models from System, TECHNIC, DUPLO and more!

PROTOCAIRN

According to legend, the protocairns were once a small group of villagers from another land who willingly exposed themselves to energized protodermis. They were transformed into monstrous, amphibious beasts. Every hundred years or so since then, protocairns appear on the shore of various islands and wreak enormous destruction, actually disintegrating large portions of the coastline. After a short time, the protocairns die and their bodies fuse together, forming new land in place of the old they destroyed.









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You can build a Protocairn using parts from 8736 Toa Hordika Vakama, 8738 Toa Hordika Whenua, 8740 Toa Hordika Matau.


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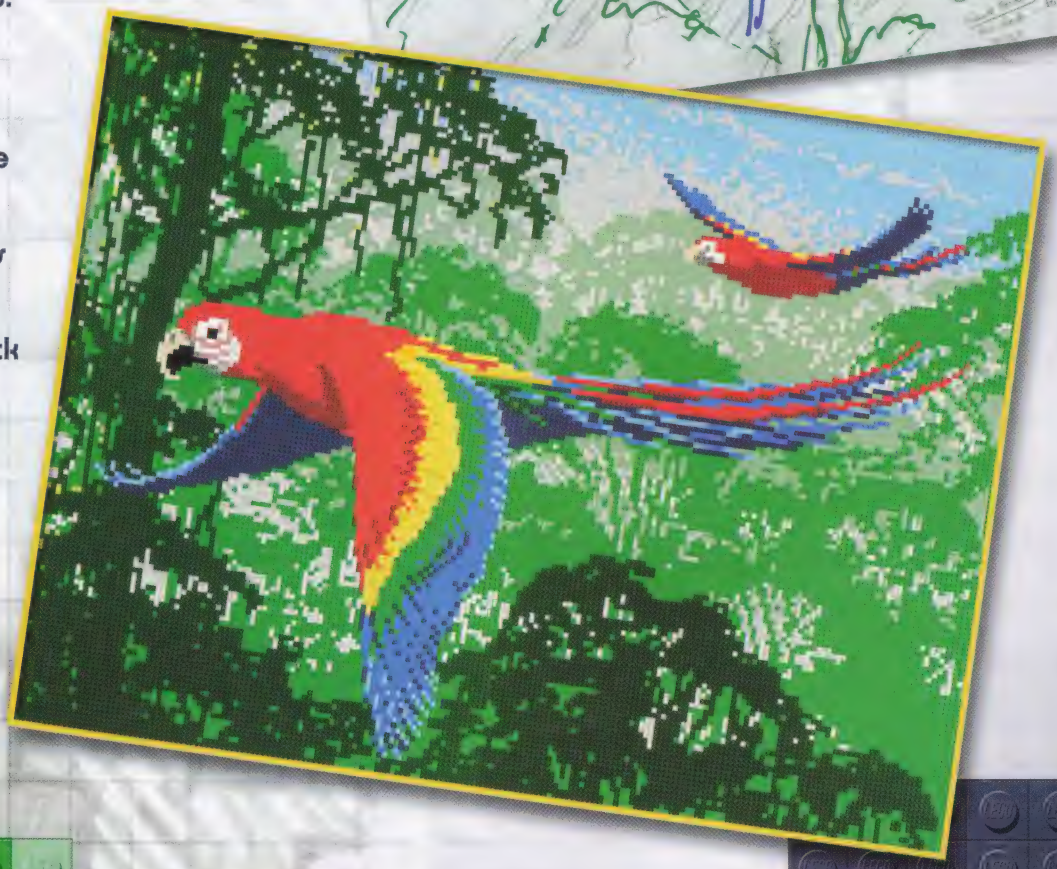
LEGO RACERS

Mural Masters

by Allison Lassieur



Earlier this year the Master Builders at the LEGO Company were faced with a challenge: build murals out of LEGO elements! Now, this doesn't seem so hard at first. But these murals—large pictures that decorate a wall—were special. They would be part of the newly redecorated waiting room at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford, CT. These murals would help sick kids feel less scared when they go to the hospital.





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The murals had to be big, they had to be colorful, and they had to be made of only one layer of LEGO plates. Steve Gerling, LEGO Master Builder, and the other Master Builders decided to take up the challenge.

The first problem: what pictures should they make out of LEGO pieces? The team knew it had to be cool and colorful, so they thought of the rain forest. They came up with three rain forest animals, one for each of the murals: a jaguar, a tree frog, and a pair of birds called scarlet macaws.

The next job was to create drawings of the animals. Steve grabbed his pencil and got to work. Soon he had drawings that everyone liked. But then the team ran into a huge problem: how to turn these drawings into detailed, colored patterns that could be made into full-size murals? At first they thought of coloring the pictures onto graph paper, with each square representing a LEGO plate. But that didn't work very well. Then they thought of creating grids of LEGO pieces using different computer programs, but the team didn't like that, either. "Designing things like this is usually a very difficult process that takes a lot of time," Steve said.

They finally found the answer in an unlikely place: an inexpensive computer program that turns pictures into cross-stitch sewing patterns. Cross-stitch patterns are made up of hundreds of colored squares to show where each stitch is supposed to go. Steve took one look at this program and knew it would work with LEGO pieces. He loaded the mural pictures into the program, and presto! The program generated three mural patterns that were made up of squares of color—exactly



what the Master Builders needed.

Now that they had patterns to work from, it was time to assemble the murals. They decided that each mural would be four feet by five feet, so the team built three bases, each using 12 48-stud gray plastic base plates glued to plywood. Once the bases were ready, Steve and the team had a pizza party and finished about two-thirds of the murals. They had such a good time building the murals that they decided to let other LEGO employees in on the fun. The team put the almost-finished murals in the employee cafeteria, along with boxes of LEGO bricks, "and people could stop by and put bricks in place whenever they wanted to," Steve said.

The murals use about 20 LEGO colors, and all of them are colors that are found in ordinary LEGO sets. "We didn't use any special colors," Steve said. Each mural took between 12,000 and 15,000 LEGO pieces to complete. Even with all those bricks, the murals were completed in no time.

The murals have been installed at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center, making the once-plain waiting room explode with LEGO color. "The finished murals are really pretty dazzling," Steve says. "All in all, it was pretty fun."

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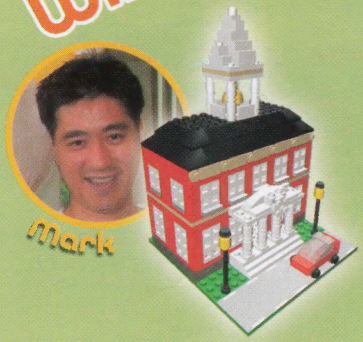
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Winners Q & A

Meet Joseph Martin and Mark Chan, two of LEGO Factory's first competition winners!





Joseph, 8, tells us that he has been building with LEGO bricks as far back as he can remember; and Mark, 37, has been building since he was 6 years old. Both have created some terrific digital models for LEGO Factory!

Q: Tell us a little about your models.

Joseph: My skyscraper is based on the Sears Tower, with different rectangular sections at several heights.

Mark: My model is a classic Town Hall, similar to many found across America. It includes a steeple with a bell, lamp posts and a sporty red car for the Mayor.

Q: How did you decide what to build for LEGO Factory?

Joseph: I wanted to build a skyscraper, so I went on the web and found some pictures. The Sears Tower was interesting and looked easy to build with LEGO Digital Designer.

Mark: I built a much larger Town Hall several years ago that many people liked. I thought it would be fun to build it again on a smaller scale.

Q: What was the hardest part of creating your model?

Joseph: It wasn't really hard to design, but it did require some thinking to decide how tall each section should be.

Mark: The toughest part was the columns. I had to use a lot of "jumper" plates (1x2 plate with one stud in the centre) to get the spacing right.

Q: Do you have any tips for other LEGO Factory builders?

Joseph: If you have a hard time getting bricks to fit together in LEGO Digital Designer, keep trying and don't give up.

Mark: Experiment with using bricks and plates sideways. Once I discovered this trick, it opened up new creative worlds for me. Try using a 1x1 headlight brick, or a TECHNIC brick with a 1·2 pin. The "jumper" plate is great for bringing detail to a model.

Q: How did it feel to win the weekly LEGO Factory competition?

Joseph: I felt surprised, because I didn't expect to win!

Mark: I was pleasantly surprised – and, of course, very happy.

Q: How about the possibility of winning the Grand Prize of having your model turned into a real LEGO set?

Joseph: I am excited because I really like to design and build my own LEGO sets.

Mark: It would be a dream come true. I think anyone who has ever played with LEGO bricks has imagined one of their creations being made into a set that others can enjoy.

Q: Is there anything else that you'd like to share with our readers?

Joseph: I like to build castles, BIONICLE and LEGO Mindstorms. I might use the instructions once or twice, but usually I like to come up with my own creations.

Mark: You can never outgrow a great construction toy. I'll keep on building as long as The LEGO Company makes bricks!

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